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*Dear Dr Swaminathan:*

Thank you for your letter, dated 22 December, needless to say I am sorry to see you retire, but hope that you will continue to provide inspiration and intellectual leadership on the international stage in both rice development and environmental concern and management.

I agree fully that IRRI has a role beyond rice technology in improving the standard of living and economic activity in both the rural and urban sectors as well as in developing sustainable rice based farming systems. The institute deserves its reputation and we look forward to strengthening collaboration between IRRI and UK based institutions as well as promoting the role that IRRI can play in strengthening the national agricultural research systems.

On behalf of all us in ODA and myself in particular, may I thank you for the constructive associate you have fostered and the enormous contribution you have made to international science.

May you have a long, healthy and happy retirement but I hope we shall continue to meet at various international gatherings and if you have time when you visit UK.

*Yours Sincerely*

*Andrew Bennett*

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